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A SET OF OBJECTS

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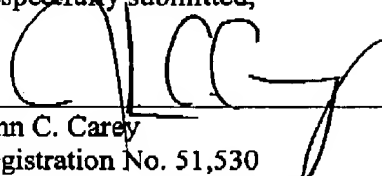
REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Applicant is filing an RCE to continue prosecuting the pending claims. Applicant is submitting with the RCE the response to the Final Office Action that Applicant originally filed on July 14, 2004 (facsimile filing confirmation attached). For whatever reason, this response was not entered into the record or considered by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this response into the record and reconsider the arguments included in that response.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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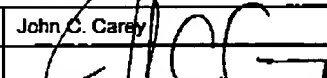
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